GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3257
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Shortage of Ambulances in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a large number of deaths have been reported due to non-availability of ambulances during emergency in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such deaths in rural areas during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide hightech ambulance for giving immediate support to the patients in emergency in the rural areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (c): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, such data is not maintained centrally.

(d) & (e): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide healthcare including ambulance services lies with the respective State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for ambulance services including Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulances, based on the proposals made by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). State/UT-wise details of ambulances (usually Dial-108/Dial-102) and empaneled vehicles under NHM are at Annexure.